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Tom Fox - Peacemaker
Born July 7, 1951
Kidnapped November 26, 2005
while serving in Iraq with CPT
Killed March 9, 2006
after more than 100 days in captivity
*We stand in the light of Tom's
strong witness to the power of love
and the courage of nonviolence.*

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Christian Peacemaker Teams

YEAR IN REVIEW

FYE 2007

February 1, 2006 - January 31, 2007

Teams of
trained peacemakers
reducing violence through:

- Biblically-based peacemaking
- Nonviolent Direct Action
- Joining Local Peacemakers



CPT: Getting in the Way 2006-2007

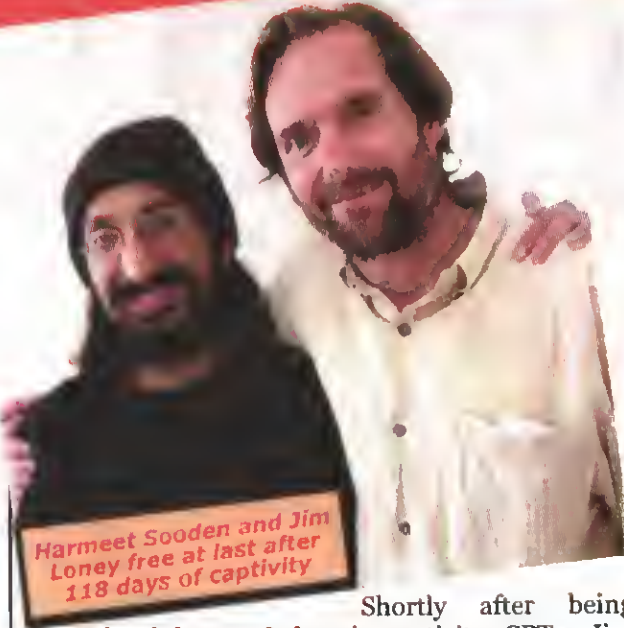
From the Co-Directors...

We've all heard the old adage: Nothing in life is certain but death and taxes. But the commitment to nonviolence has many in Christian Peacemaker Teams living under taxable levels to avoid paying for state-sponsored violence and death. And resurrection is the ultimate vocation of followers of Jesus who, according to Tom Cordaro, committed the supreme act of civil disobedience by rising from the dead. "Resurrection was illegal! When the state puts you to death, you are supposed to stay dead." (Tom Cordaro, "To Wake the Nation: Nonviolent Direct Action for Personal and Social Transformation," Pax Christi USA)

This year the world, and CPT with it, have repeatedly journeyed through the cycle of death and rising, captivity and freedom. During the captivity of four CPTers in Iraq (November 26, 2005 - March 23, 2006), we were wrapped in shrouds of uncertainty together with so many throughout the world who experience prison and disappearance.

With the killing of full-time Corps member Tom Fox on March 9, 2006, every CPTer revisited the call to risk our own lives in the faith that God will use active, thoughtful, nonviolent love to transform the world and end war.

Even before the other three captives were released to freedom, the answer echoed back from every CPT team throughout the world: Yes. YES. YES!



Shortly after being freed from 118 days in captivity, CPTer Jim Loney wrote:

"We will most certainly fail in this call. I did. And I will fail again. This does not change Christ's teaching that violence itself is the tomb, violence is the dead-end. Peace won through the barrel of a gun might be a victory but it is not peace. Our captors had guns and they ruled over us. Our rescuers had bigger guns and ruled over our captors. We were freed, but the rule of the gun stayed. The stone across the tomb of violence has not been rolled away.

"I am learning that there are many kinds of prisons and many kinds of tombs. Prisons of the mind, the heart, the body. Tombs of despair, fear, confusion. Tombs within tombs and prisons within prisons.

"There are no easy answers. We must all find our way through a broken world, struggling with the paradox of call and failure. My captivity and rescue have helped me to catch a glimpse of how powerful the force of resurrection is. Christ, that tomb-busting suffering servant Son of God, seeks

RESERVE Corps Members serving in FYE 2007 were:

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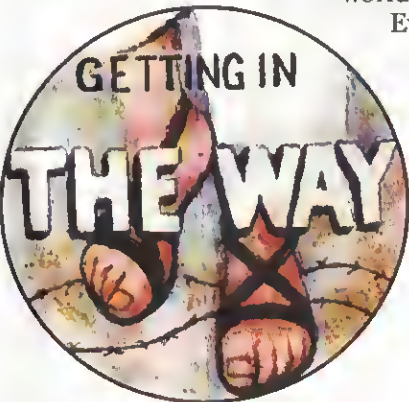
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The work of CPT is guided by a Steering Committee of representatives from sponsoring denominations, organizations, the Peacemaker Corps, and members at-large.



Steering Committee Members during FYE 2007 were:

- **Lois Baker** (Monroe, WI) - PPF
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Full time CPTers at retreat in September.

us wherever we are, reaches for us in whatever darkness we inhabit.

"May we reach for each other with that same persistence. The tomb is not the final word." - *Toronto Star, Easter Saturday, April 15, 2006.*

Tom Fox has died. Millions have died. But the tomb is not the final word. Hope rises in Kenora and Bear Butte, in Palestine and Iraq, as acts of courageous compassion are remembered and acted out again amidst life-shattering occupation. Hope rises in Colombia as communities declare themselves territories of peace. Hope rises when recent immigrants to the United States, supported by chil-



dren of generations of past immigrants, flood the streets to call for a new day of respect and civil rights. Hope rises as delegations explore possibilities for breaking out of the tomb of violence and partnering for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Oaxaca, and the Philippines.

No, the tomb is not the final word, and the resurrection is a participatory event. Are you called to rise up in a new way? Rise up to participate in a short-term CPT delegation. Rise up to join the Corps of Christian Peacemaker Teams full time or as a Reservist. Rise up to undergird this tomb-busting work through persistent prayer or financial support for CPT. The call echos. The stone is rolled away. Who will rise up to freedom and new life?

Carol Rose & Doug Pritchard
CPT Co-Directors

Peacemaker Delegations

Short-term delegations of 7-14 days link communities experiencing violence with concerned individuals, churches and groups offering participants a first-hand experience of the transformative power of Gospel nonviolence. Delegations serve as a primary mechanism for persons interested in active peacemaking and human rights to participate directly in CPT's violence-reduction ministry. Often delegations can ask questions, visit certain officials, or test new avenues of nonviolence in ways that strengthen the work of on-going teams.

In FYE 2007, 140 people participated in 16 CPT delegations:

- Five to Palestine/Israel, in May, July, October, November and January.
- Three international delegations to Colombia in May, July, and January and one national delegation during Holy Week.
- Three to the Arizona / Mexico borderlands in February, April and May.
- Two to Kenora and Asubpeeschoseewagong (Grassy Narrows, Ontario) in March and July.
- One to the Democratic Republic of Congo in October.
- One to Tennessee and West Virginia focusing on depleted uranium (DU) weapons production, in conjunction with CPT - Northern Indiana's Stop DU campaign.



Palestine

a continuing presence since June 1995

Throughout 2006, CPT supported two teams in Palestine – one in the Old City of Hebron, and one in the village of at-Tuwani in the South Hebron Hills.

In Hebron, Israel maintained tight military control of the Old City. Israeli checkpoints became more restrictive with soldiers frequently forcing Palestinian teachers to pass through metal detectors on their way to school. Large-scale detentions increased after the Hamas Party won a majority of seats in the Palestinian legislature. Israeli army patrols invaded more Palestinian homes and soldiers raided the CPT apartment several times.

Palestinians and internationals including CPTers experienced increasingly violent attacks from Israeli settlers along Shuhada Street and the road to Tel Rumeida. Israeli settlers occupied a Palestinian-owned apartment building near Avraham Avinu settlement for a month before the Israeli government mobilized 1700 soldiers and police to remove them. Two video tapes – one of a settler verbally assaulting her Palestinian neighbors and another showing settler children attacking a Palestinian child while an Israeli soldier dithered – brought renewed Israeli attention to the problems associated with Israeli settlements in a Palestinian city.

In at-Tuwani, CPT, together with members of the Italian peace group Operation Dove, accompanied Palestinian shepherds, farmers and school children in the area around Ma'on settlement and its outposts along Route 317.

On several occasions, settlers from Ma'on attacked Palestinian children going to and from



decided to draw water from ancient cisterns that had gone unused for some time because of their proximity to Israeli settlements. At first Israeli settlers and soldiers denied the shepherds access to this water. However, pressure from human rights monitors helped Palestinians gain limited access to some of these cisterns. Israeli soldiers and settlers obstructed attempts by aid organizations to deliver water to Palestinian villages by tanker, in some cases by puncturing the tires of the tanker trucks.

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school in at-Tuwani despite the presence of Israeli military escorts. Dozens of settlers invaded the village of Tuba destroying property and attacking people and livestock.

The Israeli military built a low concrete barrier the length of Route 317 (an Israeli bypass road from the Green Line to Hebron) effectively cutting off the entire South Hebron Hills region from jobs, schools and hospitals in Hebron and Yatta. Palestinians from at-Tuwani were arrested, jailed and fined for protesting the construction of this barrier wall. By the end of the year, the wall remained in place despite Israeli court orders that it be removed.

During the summer dry season Palestinian shepherds decided to draw water from ancient cisterns that had gone unused for some time because of their proximity to Israeli settlements. At first Israeli settlers and soldiers denied the shepherds access to this water. However, pressure from human rights monitors helped Palestinians gain limited access to some of these cisterns. Israeli soldiers and settlers obstructed attempts by aid organizations to deliver water to Palestinian villages by tanker, in some cases by puncturing the tires of the tanker trucks.

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Personnel

CPT's Christian Peacemaker Corps is made up of trained peacemakers committed to three years of full-time or part-time service.

In FYE 2007:

- A total of 186 people served in the Corps.
- 45 trained peacemakers gave full-time leadership to CPT's violence-reduction ministry.
- 162 Reservists joined teams for periods of 2-12 twelve weeks or more during the year.
- 15 Corps members (12 full-time and 3 Reservists) formed CPT's Support Team working out of offices in 4 locations in Canada and the U.S.

Full-time and Reserve Corps members came from 31 U.S. states, 6 Canadian provinces, 3 Colombian departments, England, Italy, Germany, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Scotland. Five Reservists lived in Bahrain, England, and Jerusalem.

Full-time CPTer Tom Fox was shot and killed in Baghdad on March 9, 2006. Tom trained in summer of 2004 and served with CPT in Iraq and Palestine.

Interns / Volunteers

- Interns serving with CPT in Palestine during the year: Sonia Robbins and Tony Davies (England), Jill Granberg and Joshua Hough (U.S.), Ilse Muehlsteph (Germany), Andreas Apell (Sweden).
- Chicago Office: Joel Gullidge from Voices for Creative Nonviolence volunteered full time during the kidnapping crisis until July 2006 when he joined CPT as a Reservist; Chicago-area volunteers saved CPT significant dollars by stuffing, sticking and sealing close to 70,000 envelopes and newsletters for mailing.
- Toronto Office: Marie Moyer volunteered full time from mid-May to mid-August 2006; Elizabeth Stocking began volunteering a ½ day a week in the fall of 2006.
- Dozens of volunteers helped in the Toronto and Chicago offices during the Iraq kidnapping crisis. Our deepest gratitude goes out to each one.

Financial Summary

FYE 2007	Canada <small>\$1 Can = \$.85 US</small>	U.S.	Total
Income:			
Individuals	\$125,200	\$416,800	\$542,000
Congregations	\$37,600	\$139,800	\$177,400
Grants	\$7,400	\$57,500	\$64,900
Delegations	\$21,000	\$132,600	\$153,600
Other	\$12,000	\$76,700	\$88,700
Total Income	\$203,200	\$823,400	\$1,026,600
Expenses:			
Program	\$152,200	\$480,900	\$633,100
Peacemaker Corps	\$22,800	\$192,900	\$215,700
Administration	\$33,900	\$43,200	\$77,100
Other	\$2,700	\$18,800	\$21,500
Total Expenses	\$211,600	\$735,800	\$947,400
Contributors			
Individuals	788	2,435	3,223
Churches/Groups	134	383	517
FYE 2006	Canada <small>\$1 Can = \$.85 US</small>	U.S.	Total
Income:			
Individuals	\$148,400	\$462,300	\$610,700
Congregations	\$33,500	\$150,600	\$184,100
Grants	\$400	\$55,500	\$55,900
Delegations	\$16,400	\$153,100	\$169,500
Other	\$1,275	\$18,750	\$20,025
Total Income	\$200,175	\$840,250	\$1,040,425
Expenses:			
Program	\$135,430	\$590,200	\$725,630
Peacemaker Corps	\$29,200	\$199,700	\$228,900
Administration	\$39,900	\$37,300	\$77,200
Other	\$1,770	\$12,200	\$13,970
Total Expenses	\$206,300	\$839,400	\$1,045,700
Contributors			
Individuals	627	2,568	3,195
Churches/Groups	93	394	487

Communications Ministry

Providing fresh, first-hand stories and information for churches and supporters worldwide who advocate for victims of organized or state-sponsored violence can have a significant impact on public policy.

In FYE 2007, CPT's Communications Ministry included:

- **"Signs of the Times"** - distributed 21,000 newsletters each quarter to individuals and groups in 62 countries including 3500 to Canada.
- **Internet Services** - posted an average of 8 news reports, action alerts, reflections, and updates from teams in the field each week to 2600 e-mail recipients via **CPTNet**; field teams maintained **Listserve**s for people with specific interest in Arizona, Colombia, Palestine and Iraq; issued short **Prayers for Peacemakers** each Wednesday for use by congregations in worship and church bulletins; CPT's **Web Site** served as a primary source of information for the media and CPT constituents during the Iraq kidnapping crisis - web traffic in just two months (February- March) registered nearly double that of the previous 12 months, at times reaching 8000 hits a day, and over 90,000 visitors in March. To subscribe to these services, send a message to peacemakers@cpt.org.
- **Speaking and Writing** - opportunities to speak about CPT's peacemaking ministry and commitment to nonviolence, especially in mainstream media, multiplied exponentially during the Iraq kidnapping crisis. CPTers gave an estimated 3500 presentations at churches, schools, universities, conferences, and community settings. Several CPTers set up national or regional speaking tours. Contact CPT offices or visit the **Speaker's Bureau** on our Web Site to schedule a CPTer to speak in your area.

Training

CPT provides intensive training in nonviolence and peacemaking skills for full-time and Reserve Corps members.

In January, CPT held its 27th training since the formation of the Peacemaker Corps in 1993. Nineteen of those trainings have taken place in Chicago and eight in regional settings: four in Canada and one each in Colorado, Ohio, Indiana and Washington, DC.

A total of 319 individuals have participated in CPT's training program. Of those, 92% graduated with a three-year commitment to CPT work.

In FYE 2007:

- 23 people completed CPT's four-week peacemaker "boot camp" held in Chicago in July/August and December/January.
- 8 training graduates joined CPT full time and 12 committed to serve as Reservists.



Participants in CPT's summer training organized a public witness calling on the U.S. government to suspend funding for Israel during its military assault on Lebanon.

In FYE 2007, CPT-Palestine:

- Monitored treatment of Palestinians at Israeli military checkpoints and roadblocks.
- Intervened during Israeli military invasions of Palestinian homes.
- Continued regular visits, along with Israeli peace activists, to Palestinian families facing harassment from Israeli settlers in Tel Rumeida, and near the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Harsina.
- Provided daily accompaniment for Palestinian children walking to and from school.
- Accompanied Palestinian shepherds and farmers to fields where they are exposed to assault by extremist settlers.
- Joined Israeli peace groups to replant olive groves destroyed by settlers.
- Facilitated contact between descendants of Jewish families and the Palestinian families who saved their lives in Hebron during a 1929 Arab riot that resulted in the massacre of 67 Jews.
- Joined Palestinians and Israeli peace activists in acts of public nonviolent resistance to Israel's construction of a "security wall" which cuts through Palestinian territory.



CPTer Sally Hunsberger sits with Palestinian women and children in the rubble of their home demolished by Israeli soldiers.

- Sent regular reports on events in Hebron and the South Hebron Hills to media and international supporters.
- Provided on-scene briefings and updates for officials from various embassies, international journalists, fact finding groups, and individuals from Israel, Palestine, and overseas.
- Hosted six peacemaker delegations.

Colombia a continuing presence since February 2001

CPT continued to maintain a regular presence in Barrancabermeja and the township of the Ciénaga del Opón in north central Colombia throughout the year. The team's protective accompaniment of more than 90 families displaced from the countryside by paramilitary and guerrilla violence helped these farmers and fishers return to their homes in 2001. Despite continued violence, these families have rebuilt their economies and social relationships. As part of the "Humanitarian Space" movement in the central Magdalena valley, they organize with other communities, local church bodies and human rights groups to separate the civilian population from combatants in Colombia's armed conflict and build a culture of peace.

As the Ciénaga del Opón communities have increasingly partnered with local organizations,

CPT has been able to offer similar accompaniment to subsistence farmers, fishers, and miners threatened by violence elsewhere in the central Magdalena valley and other parts of rural Colombia. The presence of our team of Colombian, Canadian, and U.S. citizens reinforces grassroots initiatives for justice and peace and provides a visible link between these communities and Colombian and international human rights defenders.

Insecurity remains a problem in the Opón and countless communities throughout Colombia. Up to 3.5 million people remain displaced. Since the passage in 2005, of the controversial "Justice and Peace Law," the Colombian government has been pursuing a strategy of paramilitary demobilization combined with military operations against the guerrilla organizations, with new funding expected from the U.S. government's Plan Colombia II. More than



2,500 paramilitaries have been demobilized and reinserted into civil society in the Barranca area alone; over 32,000 have demobilized across Colombia. However, documented cases of assassinations, threats, forced disappearances and displacements continue to rise.

In every community CPTers hear reports of newly armed, "Third Generation" paramilitary groups with ties to all levels of the Colombian government, military, police, and to large sectors of the economy. At the same time, the Colombian Armed Forces have established an overwhelming presence in many rural areas, increasing the risks for civilians to be drawn into armed conflict and for abuses of human rights.

In FYE 2007, CPT-Colombia:

- Maintained regular visits to rural farming, fishing, and mining communities identified as Humanitarian Spaces in the Magdalena Medio region.
- Monitored activity of the gasoline cartel and its paramilitary protectors on the Opón River.
- Supported local neighborhood initiatives in Barrancabermeja to denounce paramilitary activity and intervene in the recruitment of young people, violence against human rights defenders, and "social cleansing" of sexual minorities.
- Sent mobile teams to investigate peacemaking activities including small farmers displaced by paramilitaries in Montes de María in the north and Indigenous Awá communities enduring guerrilla attacks and state repression in Nariño in the south.
- Documented negative impacts of aerial fumigation in the departments of Bolívar, Sucre and Nariño.

- Accompanied community leaders participating in events focused on reclaiming civilian space from armed actors.

- Hosted a workshop on historical memory facilitated by the National Roundtable on Women in Conflict and attended by women leaders from the Opón and Barrancabermeja.

- Documented specific incidents of Colombian army patrols which included known paramilitaries as well as other violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed by armed groups; distributed reports to government, media, church and human rights networks.



CPTer Noah Oillard in the gold mine.

- Hosted 1 national and 4 international delegations.

- Participated in numerous vigils, marches and demonstrations in Barrancabermeja, Bogotá, and the southern Bolívar mining zone.

- Filmed 20 segments on the theory and practice of active nonviolence for the Barrancabermeja television program, *La Mohana*; wrote over 70 articles for CPTnet and other publications; made over 150 presentations to government officials, church and community groups and students.

- Cosponsored the "Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia" in North American churches, and the "National Victim's Tour" and public events focussed on the "Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility in Extractive Industries in Developing Countries" in Canada.

- Presented at two of the four cross-sectoral Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Extractive Industries in Developing Countries sponsored by the Canadian government.

- Joined the Americas Policy Group and the Colombia Steering Committee of the Latin American Working Group in lobbying the Canadian and U.S. governments on Colombia policy.

- Developed "Undoing Oppression" workshops to deepen team members' analysis and skills and improve the team's life and work.

Philippines

CPT sent its first exploratory delegation to the Philippines in January 2007. Delegates met with a wide variety of active church leaders and grassroots groups addressing the rising tide of state-sponsored killings. The toxic waste left behind by the U.S. at its former Subic Naval Base and Clark Air Base in the north, and now the return of "visiting" U.S. forces, have provoked a lot of anger. In the southern island of Mindanao, local peace workers have negotiated ceasefires in the long-standing conflict between indigenous Muslims and newcomers, but these are frequently broken. Filipinos welcome further CPT delegations in support of local peacemaking efforts.

Public Witness

In 2006-2007 CPTers spoke truth to power in bold acts of public witness and nonviolent resistance in the streets and at the doors of weapons manufacturers, congressional and parliamentary offices, military training schools, federal buildings, military bases, and courthouses.

CPT supporters encircled the globe with public prayers on behalf of Iraqi detainees and CPT captives.

CPT offices in Chicago closed on May 1 in support of a national "Walk Out" called by immigrant communities. CPTers joined hundreds of thousands marching for immigration reform in cities and towns across the U.S.



Participants in CPT's winter training marked the fifth anniversary of prisoners arriving at the Guantánamo detention center with a public witness at Chicago's federal courthouse calling for due process and an end to torture.

Regional Groups

CPT Regional Groups form when a core of trained CPTers together with CPT friends work to reduce violence locally and provide support to those serving on already-established CPT projects. Regional Groups are a primary mechanism for expanding the breadth and depth of CPT support across the continents.

In 2006, CPT's Northern Indiana Regional Group (CPT-NI) launched a nonviolent campaign to end the production of depleted uranium (DU) weapons currently used in Iraq and Afghanistan. Critics say that exposure to DU's highly toxic contamination damages the health of soldiers and civilian populations alike, causing birth defects, childhood leukemia and other cancers. Through education, creative nonviolent action, legislative efforts and media attention, the campaign challenges DU weapons producers at major U.S. facilities including Alliant Tech's Ballistics Laboratory in Rocket Center, WV, and AeroJet Ordnance in Jonesborough, TN. CPT delegations meet with veterans, hospital administrators, plant employees and others impacted by these weapons. For information see www.stop-du.org.

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Additional Work

Bear Butte, South Dakota

From July 3 - August 15, 2006 CPT maintained a small team at Bear Butte, South Dakota at the invitation of an Intertribal Coalition involving thirty local tribes including all of the Lakota tribes with whom CPT worked in 1999 near Pierre, SD. The Coalition organized a six-week encampment to nonviolently resist continued development and encroachment on their sacred territory.

Every year, thousands of Native people travel to pray at Mato Paha (Lakota for Bear Butte), in the Black Hills near Sturgis.

The final week of the encampment coincided with an annual motorcycle rally which brought 500,000 bikers to the area creating an enormous impact on the surrounding economy and ecosystem.

Outrage over a massive new biker bar and concert venue built on 600 acres at the base of Bear Butte prompted tribal leaders to organize the encampment. They asked CPT to assist with planning actions and to be on hand to help reduce tensions and document abuses if violence was threatened.

During the encampment CPT-Bear Butte:

- Provided logistical support for camp activities.
- Conducted nonviolence training for Native youth and adults.
- Documented encounters between camp participants and local residents, bikers, and authorities.
- Advocated for encampment activities with local authorities and law enforcement.
- Developed relationships with local Christian churches.
- Organized a Christian Solidarity Walk with over 100 participants.
- Communicated to CPT's constituency about Native and indigenous issues through CPTNet releases and the website.



Bear Butte encampment

Democratic Republic of Congo

In October 2006, a CPT women's delegation visited war-torn communities in eastern Congo. Local women described the horrors of widespread killing,

rape, displacement and starvation which has left four million dead since 1998. The women asked the delegates to work for an end to the flow of arms into their country, and for the Congo to have control of its own mineral resources.

Uganda

Two CPTers visited Uganda in November 2006, exploring possibilities for future work. Northern Uganda has experienced a 20-year war which has displaced 2 million citizens and enslaved 20,000 children. Hopes for current peace talks are high, but conflict may continue as people return home to lands left years ago. Plans are underway for a more extensive exploratory visit in 2007.

Oaxaca, Mexico

In December 2006, CPT received an urgent call to accompany human rights workers under threat in Oaxaca as the Mexican government stepped up repression against grassroots groups protesting state corruption. Thousands had peacefully occupied the city square for 8 months. Within 24 hours, two CPT reservists were on their way. For two weeks, during the transition in presidents, they accompanied civil society leaders and reported on the violence inflicted by Mexican authorities.

Iraq a continuing presence since October 2002

The situation in Iraq continued to deteriorate into civil war. For CPT, the past year was marked by the death of Tom Fox on March 9, 2006, and the freeing of his fellow captives Jim Loney, Norman Kember, and Harmeet Singh Sooden on March 23.

Tom worked hard to bring Christians, Sunnis and Shia Muslims together. That dream was fulfilled during his memorial service in Baghdad as friends from these faith traditions came together to speak of their love for Tom and their continuing hope for a just and peaceful future.

Jim, Norman and Harmeet have spoken and written widely about their passion for peace-making which took them to Iraq, and have publicly declared their forgiveness of their captors. Their statements sparked a profound public debate on the power of love and nonviolence versus military force.

CPT's high profile after the kidnapping meant leaving Baghdad. Under strong advice from Iraqi partners, the team moved to Suleimaniya in the northern Kurdish Region and began meeting with local human rights groups to investigate possible work. This was very slow to develop as CPT was not well known in the region and there is much suspicion of infiltrators from the south of Iraq.



CPTers don Kurdish dress at picnic with Kurdish women.

Kurds are concerned about the lack of basic services, detentions without trial, the influx of internally displaced people, and tensions with the rest of Iraq over the status of Kirkuk and Sinjar. Kurdish authorities frequently suppress demonstrations and arrest leaders.

CPT maintained contact with its former partners in the south, including the Muslim Peacemaker Team (MPT). Tragically, most of these Iraqi human rights workers have either gone into hiding or fled the country due to assassinations and death threats against them.

On January 27, 2007, while visiting oppressed minority communities in northwest Iraq just outside the Kurdish Region, CPTers Peggy Gish and Will Van Wagenen and two Iraqi colleagues were kidnapped. All were released unharmed after a few days. This incident raises again questions regarding the kinds of risks we and our associates are prepared to take as peacemakers in crisis situations.

The Iraq team concluded that there appears to be no opening to do work within the call of CPT in this region at this time. Therefore the team decided to leave Iraq on March 4 for a time of healing and discernment about the future.



MPTers visit CPTers in Suleimaniya.

In FYE 2007, CPT-Iraq:

- Documented and reported on human rights abuses in Iraq including illegal detentions, torture and extra-judicial killings.
- Accompanied Iraqis at risk as they sought information from authorities or gave testimony to international human rights groups.
- Provided a presence in Palestinian camps in Baghdad and accompanied a group of 88 Palestinians fleeing to the Jordanian border.
- Issued a statement on anti-Muslim cartoons which appeared in a Danish newspaper.
- Maintained contact and support for Iraqis seeking to promote unity and tolerance.
- Worked for the release of kidnapped CPTers and colleagues.
- Reported first-hand observations about conditions in Iraq through extensive speaking tours at home, dozens of media interviews both at home and in Iraq, and 63 releases for CPTNet.



Kenora a periodic presence since August 2004



CPT continued its periodic presence in Kenora with an eleven week team over February and March and returned to the area in July to participate in highway blockades.

With Grand Council Treaty 3's justice initiative: "Safety in the Streets," CPT's documented cases of systemic violence and discrimination against Anishinaabeg, its observations through numerous street patrols and information collected from meetings with church and community leaders, found a home.

Meanwhile, on the traditional lands of the nearby Asubpeeschoweewagong First Nation (Grassy Narrows), clearcut logging continues without the

consent of the community and in spite of a four year blockade over main access route Highway 671.

Off site, CPT continues to work with campaign partners calling on the provincial government and corporations to respect Grassy Narrows' moratorium on industry logging on their traditional lands.

In FYE 2007 CPT-Kenora:

- Provided documentation of abuse, and participated in focus group meetings for the Treaty 3-sponsored "Safety in the Streets" study.
- Gave numerous presentations on CPT in the greater Kenora region.
- Conducted over ten late night street patrols
- Hosted two cross-cultural and awareness-raising events on residential schools and reflections on current conditions in the community.
- Organized a vigil to remember missing aboriginal women along with CPT's colleagues missing in Iraq.
- Participated in Grassy Narrows and environmental coalition-sponsored highway blockades and provided jail support for activists arrested at these blockades.
- Helped organize a week-long speaking tour in Southern Ontario for Grassy Narrows activists.
- Hosted two CPT delegations.

Arizona a seasonal presence since summer

Over 205 migrants were found dead in southern Arizona last year; a total of 432 were reported in the entire U.S.-Mexico border region. U.S. immigration policy has increasingly militarized the border, forcing migrants to take remote routes through the deadly-hot desert. Local residents fear legal prosecution if they offer emergency aid to undocumented migrants or report abuse by Border Patrol agents. The ominous presence of vigilante groups also contributes to a climate of fear in the borderlands region.

Local religious and civic leaders have denounced the flawed nature of current U.S. immigration policy. Some point out the structural violence of "free trade" agreements which facilitate the movement of goods and capital while criminalizing the movement of people.

This year, CPT formed a reference group to guide Reservists and delegation members carrying on part-time Borderlands work in Arizona.

In FYE 2007 CPT-Arizona:

- Provided support for the case of two volunteers with CPT's local partner coalition, "No More Deaths" on trial for providing assistance to migrants.
- Helped organize the Migrant Trail Walk, a 7-day 75-mile desert trek in the footsteps of migrants.
- Hosted 3 delegations, including a special Holy Week group.
- Briefed student groups on learning tours regarding immigration and border issues.
- Monitored activities of the Minutemen, a right-wing anti-immigrant movement.
- Provided medical evacuation and assistance for migrants in distress.



- Organized public witness actions including the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week and civil disobedience at weapons contractor Raytheon.
- Began a focus on Wakenhut Corporation, a private security contractor now responsible for transporting apprehended migrants.
- Explored possible program work in Brownsville, Texas for a week in early February.

